SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS | HOUSE OF HOPE MADAGASCAR

Thanksgiving Challenge 2026: Celebrating 20 Years

Building for Hope: Strengthening the Mission. Preparing for the Future.

One of the great blessings we have experienced as a congregation is the opportunity to be part of what God is doing through House of Hope Madagascar. From the very beginning, Shepherd of the Hills has been a key partner in this remarkable ministry. Together, we have helped transform a piece of land in southern Madagascar into a place of hope for children and families.

What began with the purchase of land and the drilling of a well has grown into a thriving ministry with a children's residence, classrooms, a cafeteria, and now a library and worship space. Today, the ministry provides a home for 72 children and the school serves more than 230 children, providing education, care, and the opportunity to hear about the love of Jesus.

And the work continues. This year's Thanksgiving offering will support the construction of a new director's residence and mission team housing. This building will provide a home for Pastor Jean and his family while also creating a place to welcome mission teams from Shepherd and other congregations.

It is an investment not only in the ministry's leadership, but also in the future of the mission, as more people have the opportunity to visit, serve, and become part of what God is doing in Madagascar.

72	230+	45	20
children call House of Hope home	students attend the School of Hope	staff members serve alongside Pastor Jean	years of the Thanksgiving Challenge

Rescue children. Restore lives. Raise a generation with hope and a future.

ONE BUILDING. TWO IMPORTANT PURPOSES. ONE MISSION.

Growth brings new opportunities, and new needs

God continues to do remarkable things through House of Hope Madagascar. What began as a vision to rescue vulnerable children from extreme poverty has grown into a thriving Christ-centered ministry. Today, 72 children call House of Hope home, more than 230 students attend the School of Hope, and a dedicated team of 45 staff members works alongside Pastor Jean to care for, educate, and nurture these children.

This year's Thanksgiving Challenge will help build a new three-story facility at House of Hope Madagascar, providing a permanent residence for Pastor Jean and his family along with dedicated housing for visiting mission teams.

Inside the new three-story facility

Ground & 1st Floors The Director's Residence

Second Floor Mission Team Housing, occupying the entire Second Floor

The Director's Residence will occupy the entire ground floor and first floor, allowing Pastor Jean to live onsite and provide consistent leadership, care, and oversight. The second floor will provide housing for visiting mission teams, educators, medical professionals, college interns, and other partners who come to serve alongside the House of Hope staff.

Together, these spaces will strengthen the ministry in two essential ways: providing greater stability and accessibility in daily leadership while opening the door for more people to participate directly in the mission.

While the building will provide housing for adults, its ultimate purpose is to serve the children, strengthening the people, partnerships, and ministry that surround them with Christ's love.

WHY THIS BUILDING, WHY NOW

Why a Director's Residence?

Pastor Jean Rajaonasy, the founder and director of House of Hope, currently lives off campus in Ihosy. As the ministry has grown, so have the responsibilities of overseeing the children, staff, school, and daily operations.

Building a residence on campus will allow Pastor Jean and his family to live where he serves, providing greater accessibility, stronger leadership, and a more consistent presence for the children and staff.

Having the director on campus is an important next step in ensuring that House of Hope continues to provide a safe, stable, and nurturing environment.

Why Mission Team Housing?

As House of Hope grows, so does the opportunity to welcome mission teams, educators, medical professionals, college interns, and other volunteers who can share their gifts in service to the children and community.

Dedicated mission team housing will make these visits more practical and sustainable, providing a place for visiting teams to stay without placing additional demands on the children's living spaces.

It will also help strengthen relationships between House of Hope and the churches and individuals who support its mission.

Building for the Future: approximately $300,000

The preliminary cost for the Director's Residence, Mission Team Housing, and associated site development and security improvements is approximately $300,000. Your gift helps provide:

- The land purchase
- The director's residence
- Mission team housing
- Furnishings
- Land improvements
- The wall around the new property
- Security
- Possibly solar power and other utilities

This is an ambitious project, but we have seen again and again how God works through the generosity of His people. Ultimately, this project is about much more than buildings. It is about strengthening the ministry that surrounds the children, supporting the people who care for them, and preparing House of Hope to welcome even more children in the years ahead.

Give to the Thanksgiving Challenge

This Thanksgiving, prayerfully consider how you might participate in building for hope, helping House of Hope continue its mission to rescue children, restore lives, and raise a generation with hope and a future.

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